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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE PERIOD 10 APRIL TO 12 APRIL WAS EXTREMELY BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE FOR OPERATION GHOST ZONE INITIATIVES. ON APRIL 10, THE PC-7'S AND UH-LH HELICOPTERS FROM CHIMORE PROCEEDED TO AN AIRSTRIP [redacted] DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON HOURS OF 9 APRIL AS A SUSPECT CLANDESTINE LANDING STRIP. AFTER THE HELICOPTERS HAD LANDED AND A SEARCH OF THE STRIP WAS UNDERWAY BY UMOPAR/DEA, A SUSPECT AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTED TO LAND, SAW THE HELICOPTERS, ABORTED THE LANDING ATTEMPT AND FLED THE AREA. PURSUIT OF THIS AIRCRAFT WAS NOT ATTEMPTED. THE SEARCH OF THE STRIP AREA RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF STORES OF FOOD, REFRIGERATORS, AIRCRAFT PARTS, AVIATION FUEL, AND MANY COLOMBIAN DOCUMENTS. EXAMINATION OF THE DOCUMENTS DISCLOSED THE AIRSTRIP WAS A MAJOR TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR MOVEMENT OF COCAINE FROM BOLIVIA TO COLOMBIA.

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3. ON 11 APRIL, AN AIRCRAFT PURSUIT WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE CHIMORE AREA TO A MAJOR CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIP LOCATED AT COORDINATES 115758.9S 663436.7W, AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 180 MILES NNW OF TRINIDAD. AVIATION ASSETS FROM CHIMORE AND TRINIDAD WERE UTILIZED IN THE PURSUIT. ONCE THE SUSPECT AIRCRAFT LANDED, SEVERAL TRUCKS PROCEEDED TO THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE JUNGLE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE AIRSTRIP, OFF-LOADED THE AIRCRAFT AND DEPARTED THE AREA THROUGH THE JUNGLE. PRIOR TO LEAVING THE AREA THE SUSPECTS SET FIRE TO THE AIRCRAFT, A CESSNA 206, WHICH WAS TOTALLY BURNED. AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF THE TRUCKS WAS MAINTAINED BY FAB AVIATION ASSETS, WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO THE LOCATION OF A CAMP AT COORDINATES 115518.3S 663545W. UH-LH INSERTIONS WERE MADE AT BOTH LOCATIONS. AT THE AIRSTRIP, THE WRECKAGE OF A RECENTLY CRASHED BEECHCRAFT KING AIR CONTAINING NUMEROUS COLOMBIAN CHARTS AND MAPS WAS FOUND AT THE SOUTH END OF THE STRIP. ALSO LOCATED WERE 300 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL. THE CAMP WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN SLEEPING QUARTERS FOR TWENTY PERSONNEL, STORES OF FOOD AND WATER, TWO GENERATORS, ONE JAPANESE MANUFACTURED SOLAR PANEL ASSEMBLY AND 8,460 ROUNDS OF

5.56 M-16 AMMUNITION. ALSO RECOVERED WERE 155 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE BASE.
A RED TOYOTA HI LUX 4X4 TRUCK WAS SEIZED AND DESTROYED ON SITE BY THE UMOPAR. BOTH MISSIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE CAN BE DIRECTLY CREDITED TO THE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION [,] AND THE PURSUIT CAPABILITIES OF THE PC-7 AIRCRAFT FLYING SUPPORT MISSIONS FROM COCHABAMBA.

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4. THE FOLLOWING GROUND OPERATIONS WERE ALSO CONDUCTED DURING THE TIME FRAME PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH:

A. COCAINE BASE LAB RAIDED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ON 10 APRIL. NEAR SINAHOTA. SEIZED WERE SIX KILOGRAMS OF BASE.

B. COCAINE BASE LAB RAIDED DURING NIGHTTIME HOURS ON 10 APRIL. FIFTY LITERS OF
AGUA RICA SEIZED.

C. RAID CONDUCTED IN VUELTADERO DURING DAYLIGHT

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HOURS ON 11 APRIL. TWO BASE LABS WERE SEIZED AND EIGHT INDIVIDUALS DETAINED.

D. COCAINE BASE LAB DESTROYED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ON 11 APRIL IN THE VICINITY OF ETERAMAZAMA. SEIZED WERE 500 KILOGRAMS OF COCA LEAF.

E. ON 12 APRIL A RAID ON A HOUSE IN PARACTITO RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 20 LITERS OF AGUA RICA AND SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS.

F. A RAID INTO ENTRE RIOS ON 12 APRIL RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF A TRAFFICKER HF BASE STATION AND ONE HF RADIO.

G. THE COCHABAMBA RO ROAD BLOCK OPERATION RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 500 POUNDS OF COCA LEAF AND THE ARREST OF TWO INDIVIDUALS FOR PRECURSOR CHEMICAL SALES.
5. A FEMALE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE CASTILLO CHECK POINT TO SEARCH ALL FEMALES TRANSITING THAT CHECK POINT. QUANTITIES OF ACID AND LIME HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED IN FUTURE CABLES.

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